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## FRENCH EVACUATE CARLEPONT WOOD

LONDON, June 12.—The French forces operating on the east bank of the Oise River south of Noyon have evacuated the Carlepont Wood and the Germans are closely pressing them southward, according to the German official communications Wednesday.

Nowhere else along the battle front running from Montdidier to the region around Noyon is any claim made to further advances by the Germans. On the contrary, the latest communication shows that the enemy everywhere has been fully engaged in attempts to hold back the French and other allied troops, among them some Americans.

## HUN PRISONERS REPORT HEAVY LOSSES

WITH THE AMERICANS WEST OF MONTDIDIER. June 13.—A comparative lull has settled over this sector again and only normal fire is being maintained by the opposing artilleries. Americans are actively patrolling between the lines and are constantly alert.

Prisoners report heavy losses among German reserve units as a result of our recent heavy bombardments. No change has been made in the enemy divisions opposite our lines lately, according to prisoners.

## AUSTRIA DECLARED IN A STATE OF SIEGE

LONDON, June 13.—Practically the whole of Austria has declared in a state of siege, declared a Central News dispatch from Rome today, quoting the Messagero. Only a few regions are excepted.

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF WAR

During the week the American and French troops participated in actions northwest of Chateau Thierry, on the Marne, where the enemy is now standing on the defensive. The Americans succeeded in driving the Germans back from the points they reached on the crest of the wave that carried them far on the road to Paris. The attacks spread northward along the line and everywhere the allies reported ground recovered from the enemy.

June 11.—Held on their right and left wings, the Germans on the center of their new attack on the front between Montdidier and Noyon gained additional ground against the French. In violent successive attacks they captured the village of Mery, Belloy and St. Maurice and also pressed forward and gained a footing in the village of Marquellies. The last named place represents the deepest point of penetration since the offensive began, between five and six miles. Berlin reports the capture of 8,000 prisoners.

Near Bussieres, northwest of Chateau Thierry, the Americans and French again have delivered strong attacks against the Germans and taken more ground.

WAR REVIEW . . . by-by-the-hereh  
June 12.—The Germans continue to make progress, but at heavy cost. They have reached the Oise river near Ribecourt. Not an inch of ground has been given up without the exacting by the French of a terrible toll in men killed or wounded. And nowhere has the defending line been pierced. Berlin announced the capture of 10,000 additional prisoners. The French in counter attacks struck the Germans a hard blow along a front of about seven and a half miles, between Rubecourt and St. Maurice, capturing Belloy, Genlie wood and the heights between Courcelles and Mortemer and taking 1,000 prisoners.

The French war office announced that American troops captured Belleau wood, in the Chateau Thierry sector, taking 300 prisoners.

British forces on the Amiens sector conducted a successful raid, taking prisoners and guns.

A new offensive has been launched by the Germans with the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria delivering the attack.

Between Montdidier and Noyon, over a front of about 20 miles, preceded, as usual, by a heavy bombardment with shells of all calibers and with noxious gases, the enemy's initial maneuver evidently has in view the bending back of the allied front toward the town of St. Just on the northern wing and toward the rail road junction of Compeigne on the southern flank, getting astride the Oise river and driving southwest toward the French capital.

The French troops are resisting the impact with their usual valor, but the Germans on their right and in the center have been able to penetrate the line for distances ranging from two-thirds of a mile south of Montdidier to relatively two and a half miles at Rezon-sur-Matz, in the center. Thence to Noyon, however, the allied line is holding strongly.

If success should rest with the enemy on the new battle front it possibly might badly affect the stability of the line of the defenders from the Oise to the Marne and compel a falling back westward from the Oise to the region of the Marne northwest of Chateau Thierry in order to straighten out the deep salient that would then project eastward with the Soissons sector as its apex.

The allied commanders, it is asserted, were not taken unaware by the new offensive. On the other hand, they had anticipated, since the failure of the army of the German crown prince to gain its objectives between Soissons and the Marne and thence on the southern part of the line running to Rheims, that the German high command would decree another maneuver to the north, and preparations accordingly were made to withstand the shock.

The fighting is of extremely sanguinary character, and whether it will be confined to the area at present affected remains to be seen. At last accounts it had not spread north of Montdidier to the village of Cantigny, which the Americans are holding.

## STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

On and after July 1, 1918, the price of The Democrat will be \$1.50 per year in advance. There is no need to tell our readers why the price is advanced, though many of them do not remember the conditions prevailing in the newspaper business at the time the price of \$1 per year was made. Previous to and at the time of the establishment of The Democrat the price of country newspapers was \$1.50 per year, and the size 6 columns to the page.

We have been referring to our files at that time and find the top price for hogs to be \$3.00, cattle \$3.25, wheat 70c, oats 13c, corn 20c, butter 6c to 12c, lard 4c to 5c, potatoes 20c. Print paper, ink and everything in the art of printing was at the same low level.

Remember, this rate goes into effect July 1. Most of our readers are paid up until January 1, 1919; some until 1920. The new rate does not effect those paid ahead. It only begins at the expiration of the time paid for. Back subscription up to July 1 is payable at the old rate. Renewals and new subscriptions will be taken up to and including Saturday night, June 28, at the old rate of \$1 per year. Dollar-a-year papers have had their day.

## INTERVENTION HELD UNLIKELY

No Change in American Attitude Toward Russia.

## ALLIES AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS

No Agreement Reached Between the Entente Powers on Any Feasible Plan For Positive Action in Regard to Russia—Cadet Party Asks For Aid in Expelling the Germans From Russian Territory.

Washington, June 12.—It was learned, despite reports that military action in Siberia by the allies with American support or approval is imminent, that no agreement has been reached on any feasible plan for positive action in regard to Russia, and consequently the attitude of the state department is just what it has been since the subject first was broached.

The official view here is that this attitude must remain unchanged until there is some further development of great importance in Russia.

An alternative explanation was given after the Russian embassy had transmitted to the state department an appeal to the United States and the allies to send an expeditionary force to Russia to repel the Germans, forwarded by the central committee of the Cadet party. The committee which speaks for the powerful Russian constitutional democratic forces, asked that such an expedition be under international control, to guarantee the rights of its country.

Recent developments, not only in old Russia, but in the Ukraine and in Siberia, and a growing spirit of unrest in China and Japan, with increasing pressure in the capitals of the entente powers for some sort of concerted action, have not been overlooked by officials here, and the developments of each day are being studied with the closest attention.

It is evident that the Bolshevik government is now meeting with strong opposition not only from the old conservative elements in Russia, but also from certain powerful factions just as inimical to the restoration of the empire as the most pronounced red Russians. Of these, the Cadets, or Constitutionalists, are understood to be the most in evidence, not because of their numbers, but for the reason that they embody in their principles the moderate views which are calculated to appeal most strongly to the great mass of the Russian peasantry and to a considerable portion of the working men.

## OHIO SAVES MORE THAN HALF ITS QUOTA

April Shows a Reduction in Deaths of Babies.

Columbus, June 10.—Ohio during April, the opening month of children's year, saved one more than one-half the average monthly quota of babies assigned to the state by the federal government for the baby-saving campaign. The division of child hygiene of the state department of health, in charge of the Ohio campaign, made this announcement, giving figures on the deaths of children under five years of age in April. Deaths totaled 1,257, making a saving of 189, compared with the average month of 1916, upon which year quotas are based. The average monthly quota assigned to Ohio is 376.

The total saving set as the year's goal is 4,510, representing a reduction of one-third in the number of baby deaths compared with 1916. Saving throughout the year at the rate attained in April would bring a year's reduction of only 2,268.

## FAMILY REUNIONS

The second annual Hainline-Stack reunion will be held at Mercella park, this city, on Sunday, June 23.

The annual reunion of the Fast family will be held Wednesday, June 19, at Haviland, Ohio. D. W. Fast is the secretary.

Alex Gimmel, aged about 16 years, driving a motorcycle, collided with an automobile driven by A. W. Fishbaugh, at the corner of Ash and Fulton streets, Monday evening, sustaining a cut over one eye. Failure to observe some of the traffic and speed regulations seems to have its drawbacks occasionally.

Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

## PEDIGREED DUROC A FINE RED CROSS AID

The pedigreed Duroc sow donated by Henry Obrien, of Washington township, to the Red Cross, which brought \$250 at auction last Saturday, was bid in jointly by a number of business men of this city. They have in turn donated it again to the Red Cross, and to-morrow (Saturday) it will be given to some one holding the lucky number for this much-prized animal. Tickets will cost \$1 and are on sale everywhere. This fine Duroc is becoming famous as a puller for the Red Cross.

## "BANNER FAIR AS USUAL!"

There has been a question raised in the minds of the people whether or not the Banner Fair will be held this year as usual.

We desire to assure the people of the county and neighboring counties that the fair will be held August 19 to 23, inclusive, and that it promises to be one of the best ever held.

Every one should relax from his duties for at least one week and attend the county fair.

Enlist as a booster—help put it over.

WM. WILEY, Secretary.

## THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Catherine Hollipeter, aged 86, died at the home of her son, Hiram Fell, in this city, last Tuesday. The deceased was born in Germany but came to this country in 1852. In 1854 she was married to Gottlieb Fell, who died in 1871. Her second marriage was to Samuel Hollipeter, who died in 1895, since which time she lived with son, the only surviving member of her family.

Frederick Heis, pioneer citizen and civil war veteran, aged 76, died at the home of his son, Edward Heis, at Ft. Recovery, last Saturday. The deceased underwent an operation the previous day, from which he never rallied. Funeral services were held Monday, with interment at Greenwood cemetery, west of that place.

Mrs. Mary Nimmmons, aged nearly four-score years, died suddenly at her home at Decatur, Ind., last Friday. The deceased was the wife of the late W. B. Nimmmons, for several years owner of a heading plant in this city.

## OHIO CROP PROSPECTS

State Board of Agriculture Issues Interesting Bulletin.

Columbus, June 8.—Ohio's wheat prospects June 1 were 108 per cent, compared with the average yield. In June, 1917, the prospects were but 88 per cent. The state board of agriculture announced these figures, showing Ohio's crop prospects are splendid: Oats 106 per cent, rye 114 per cent, corn 101 per cent acreage compared with 1917. Fruit prospects, with the exception of apples, 112 per cent, and strawberries, 36 per cent, are poor. Peach prospects are given at 25 per cent, cherries 34 per cent, plums 48 per cent and pears 54 per cent. The board explains increase in percentage somewhat in this report to the fact that instead of reporting from a normal or comparison of last year's crop, the prospects are based on an average 10-year production.

Boat Capsized.  
Dayton, O., June 10.—George Ross, 16, was drowned in the Miami by the capsizing of a boat. Ross came to Dayton last week from Ft. Wayne to join his home here.

## Some Idea, Allrighty

Our idea of an ideal headline would be, in part, as follows. Foch hurled suffering German army over the Rhine; now chasing remnants westward at top speed; captures 1,900,000 prisoners; Kaiser, seized, whines for mercy; crown prince, suffering from numps and clad only in sticky fly-paper pants with sticky side inside, walking to Tower of London under convoy of Maj. Gen. Hank Gowdy and Superace Eddie Rickenbacker, each driving his new Rolls-Royce roadster; German people organize republic; ask Gen. Pershing to take charge pending apparently hopeless search for decent German statesman; wow!

## Camp Bowie's Sober Soldier Boys

Had it not been for the dry public sentiment which has been built up in this country through years of effort, notes The American Issue, we would not now have laws and regulations protecting our soldier boys from drink, and the public would not have the satisfaction of reading items like the following, printed in a paper published by the soldiers at Camp Bowie, Texas:

"Governor Hobby's zone law, designed to prohibit the sale of liquor within a ten-mile radius of army camp, in 100 per cent effective. It solidly answers the old, old question as to whether Prohibition prohibits. Actual figures from headquarters of the military police at Camp Bowie show that sobriety has attained the zenith—not a man of the 27,000 soldiers encamped here has been arrested for being drunk or having liquor in his possession since the law became effective."

## Compulsory Marriage in Germany

The German commission appointed to examine into the decline in the birth rate in Germany recommends compulsory marriage of Germans before their twentieth year is passed. Financial aid is to be provided where necessary, with punishment for failure to comply, and penalties for married couples that remain childless. The report shows a decline in the birth rate for the three years 1915-16-17 equivalent to 2,000,000 infants. Forty per cent fewer births occurred in 1916 than in 1913. The decrease for the corresponding period in England and Wales was 10 per cent. Infant mortality in Germany is 50 per cent higher than in England and Wales.

## New Way of Raising Red Cross Money

One of our old subscribers who was in making a renewal last week has a new scheme for raising Red Cross money. He has been chewing 25 cents worth of tobacco for the fifty years he has been using the weed, and a couple weeks ago decided to stop it and donate his weekly allowance to the best cause he ever knew of. He promises to report his progress in due time, and would like to have fifty old sinners to enlist in the same cause. Can you beat it?

## Farm Residence and Contents Go Up in Smoke

The residence on the A. J. Hawk farm in Blackrock township, a few miles west of Rockford, tenanted by Delbert McCristy, was burned to the ground last Saturday evening, together with most of its contents. The fire it is believed was caused by an overheated stove. Loss partly covered by insurance.

## MERCER MUST SUPPLY 32 MEN

By direction of Adjutant General Peiler, Call 666 has been made upon Ohio for the movement of 3000 men to Camp Sherman during the five-day period beginning June 24. They are to be qualified for general military service. Mercer county is called upon to supply 32 men.

## COUNTY BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

The County Commissioners have submitted their annual budget for the fiscal year beginning September 1, next. The amount of money needed to finance the affairs of the county is shown in the apportionment for the various funds below:

County	\$40,000
Poor	8,000
Bridge	25,000
Building	25,000
Indigent Soldiers	1,200
Mothers' pension	3,000
Election fund	4,000
Judicial	8,000
Hospital	2,000
Ditch	3,000
Agriculture	800
Pike repair	30,000
State road sinking	3,000
State road construction	10,000
Bridge sinking	15,000
Total	\$157,000

## Local Briefs

Members of the county board of revision, at a meeting at the Auditor's office last Monday, organized by selecting Commissioner Geo. Hill as chairman.

Mrs. Mary Dickman, one the best known pioneer women of this city, celebrated her ninetieth birthday last week, surrounded by most of her children and grandchildren.

Only routine business came before the village council at its session last Tuesday evening—reading and accepting the reports of the Mayor and Board of Public Affairs and the passing of the monthly appropriating ordinance.

Dr. W. H. Thompson was at Chicago the first of the week in attendance at the 69th annual session of the American Medical Association. The meeting was of unusual interest and was attended by distinguished members of the profession from the leading countries of the world.

Members of the Mercer County Bar Association, at a meeting last Saturday, elected J. W. Loree, president; R. L. Mattingly, vice president; C. S. Younger, secretary, and J. M. Schlosser, treasurer and librarian. John G. Romer, John Kramer and Prescutter Stubbs were chosen trustees.

Local Woodmen honored their deceased brethren last Sunday morning with memorial services at the Presbyterian church, Rev. George W. Proffert, officiating. In the afternoon the order marched in a body to North Grove cemetery and decorated the last resting places of the departed.

A fire that caused much excitement at the time called the department to the barn at the rear of the Taylor building, West Payette street, about 1 o'clock last Friday afternoon. Smoke filled the adjacent square, but the fire was confined to the building and was soon extinguished. It developed the fire was started by some small boys, one of whom had purchased a box of matches from junk he had sold. The small loss was covered by insurance.

## Brookhart Only Republican Candidate to Qualify

The Republicans failed to patch up a ticket to oppose the men who will be nominated at the August primary on the Democratic ticket was disclosed last night when the final hour for filing petitions arrived, something they have not passed up for several years. As a result the only name that will appear on the Republican primary ticket will be Edgar J. Brookhart, who filed as a candidate for Representative to the General Assembly.

Only one additional candidate filed a petition in the race among Democrats for county nominations last night—Ezra Snider, of Butler township, for Sheriff. All the other candidates had previously announced their names.

Charles Pettiford, a young man of this city and an employee of the Ames Aending Co., claims he was stabbed by an unknown assailant at St. Marys last Sunday evening as he was passing an alley. He had been spending the evening with a Miss Hunt and had just left her home when attacked.

Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gertz and family to celebrate their daughter Anna Gertz's 18th birthday on Sunday, June 9. Those present were W. R. West and wife and son Bryan and daughter Clara; Fred Suhr and wife and sons Leonard, Forest; Mrs. Wm. Suhr and daughters, Ruth, Marie, Thelma and son William; Philip Brehm and wife and daughters Marie, Bessie; Leonard Fiegl and son John; Steve Powell and wife; Allean, Lydia and Thornton West; Anna, Edward and Ernest Suhr. The afternoon was spent in music and games. Ice-cream and cake was served in the afternoon. Miss Anna received many fine presents.

## CHATTANOOGA INCIDENT CLOSED

The last chapter in the sensational killing of Jacob Walchli, near Chattanooga on the night of April 29, caused by the collision of automobiles, in which his neck was broken, was closed in Mayor Scranton's court in this city last Monday morning, on advice of Prosecuting Attorney Stubbs. The charge of unlawful killing, placed against Claude Davenport, Daniel Kaehr and Edgar Abbott, of Berne, Ind., was thereby annulled. The dismissal of the case was expected, as their arrest on the charge was more to hold them until a searching investigation of the case could be made than any hope of finding them guilty. It was plainly a case of accident, in which old John Barleycorn was the chief actor and the accused men the Oliver Twists. They will, however, remember their trip to Chattanooga for booze for some time to come, and will not be proud of it.

## ROOP POST AND W.R.C. TO CELEBRATE TO-DAY

Members of the D. J. Roop Post and W.R.C., will picnic at Mercella Park to-day, celebrating Flag Day with a patriotic program. Dinner for the public to participate. Dinner for members, their families and band boys will be set at 2 o'clock. The program follows:  
Music . . . . . Boys and Girl's Band  
Prayer . . . . . Rev. G. W. Horn  
Song . . . . . Anna Ayers  
Reading . . . . . Margaret McGee  
Song . . . . . Savella Wines  
Address . . . . . Rev. G. W. Horn  
Song . . . . . America  
Talks by comrades, repeating flag salute.

## SCHOOL SAMMIES ADOPT SLOGAN

"Let's sell a million this week and turn back the Hun," is the slogan adopted by the Ohio Army of School Sammies for their drive to sell \$1,000,000 in war savings stamps during the week of June 17 to 22. This campaign is one of three scheduled for June by the Ohio War Savings Committee. It will commence at the conclusion of the bi-partisan political week, which has been scheduled for this week, and will precede National war savings pledge week, June 24 to 28.

The Ohio Sammies in France go into action every day. The School Sammies will go into action with increased force the week of June 17, and every School Sammy—boy and girl—who aids in this great offensive will help send those brave Buckeyes over the top to victory," are the promise and pledge taken by members of the School Sammy Army.

## IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

Lieutenant Ralph Q. Andrews and Miss Pearl G. Coate, well known and popular young people of this community, were wedded at the M. E. parsonage in this city last Saturday. Rev. Lance performing the ceremony. Lieutenant Andrews is stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, for which place he left yesterday.

Seubert Beam, of Bridgeport, Ill., and Miss Mary Newell, of this city, were quietly wedded at the M. E. parsonage here last Friday. Rev. Lance performing the service. Young Beam is a gunner on the battleship Nevada. The couple left for the east after the ceremony.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage license issued to Ralph Q. Andrews, age 25, lieutenant in U. S. Army, of Celina, and Miss Pearl Coate, age 22, housekeeper, of Butler township. Marriage license issued to Glen Stover, aged 20, cabinet maker, and Miss Beatrice Ohler, aged 18, both of Celina. Marriage license issued to Seubert Beam, age 23, member U. S. navy, of Mendon, and Miss Mary Newell, age 22, teacher, of Celina.

## NEPTUNE GRANGE PROGRAM FOR TO-NIGHT

Since the competitive program ended the lecture hour has been rather quiet. This was partly due to the busy season on the farm. From now until September 1 we will only have special programs every two weeks. Lecture hour begins promptly at 9 o'clock, regardless of any other grange business. To-night, the 14th, the Neptune orchestra will furnish the program, as follows:

Music . . . . . Orchestra  
Reading . . . . . M. J. Davis  
Vocal solo . . . . . Carroll Griffith  
Cornet duet . . . . . Lutz and Williams  
Recitation . . . . . Wm. Raudabaugh  
Tenor duet . . . . . Springer and Griffith  
Play—"The House Across the Way"  
Piano solo . . . . . Miss Thelma Bowers  
Music . . . . . Orchestra

On the third and fourth Friday nights of this month, June 21 and 28, the degree work of the subordinate grange will be given at Neptune Grange hall by Unity Grange degree teams.

Pomona Grange meets at Neptune, Wednesday evening, June 19, when the fifth degree will be given to a large class of candidates.

## LATE ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hainline, of Center township, are entertaining their third boy. The little fellow arrived Tuesday.

Carl Boice and wife, of Sycamore street, Godfrey Heights, welcomed the arrival of a baby boy at their home last Sunday. Carl is stepping unusually high.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wines, of West Logan street, welcomed the arrival of a baby girl at their home yesterday.

Private and Mrs. Ralph Dysert are the parents of a baby girl, born at the home of the latter's father, Jacob Anderson, in the southwestern part of this township, on the 6th inst.

On and after July 1, 1918, The Democrat and Cincinnati Daily Post, both one year, will be \$4.00.

## Yes, Jacksonville Is Dry

[Jacksonville (Florida) Metropolis.]

Well, boys—she's dry!  
Bone dry, too. You know what that means.  
And, fellows, they "dried" the wettest spot the sun ever shown on. This man's town used to be as flowing with it as the Gulf Stream is with water. You'd never have believed they could do it. Few people did, until recently the Prohibitionists got really into swing and started things humming.  
Just as certain as the Lord made little apples, booze is going from the face of the earth. It has been a long time coming, but the day isn't far distant when John Barleycorn will have to sing his Swan Song and fade away into the background with such once-popular institutions as roving pirates, masked highway-men and 10-cents-a-dozen egg. You get me?